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SUBMISSION to CCC's draft LTCCP 2009-2019 on the CHARTERIS BAY WATER & WASTEWATER SCHEME

I support the Charteris Bay Residents Association's submission that the Charteris Bay Water & Wastewater scheme (CBW&WS) be reinstated on the LTCCP for 2009-2010.

I would also make the following points:

1. Petition

- In early 2004 I spent several months walking around Charteris Bay with a petition which requested that the Banks Peninsula District Council (BPDC) extend the Church Bay water and wastewater scheme to Charteris Bay
- I was motivated by the fact that over the previous Christmas period I had had to rent some houses in Charteris Bay for wedding guests. This made me realise just how many houses had inadequate water and sewerage facilities and how keen people were to be part of the recently installed Church Bay Scheme.
- I spoke to residents at 128 of the approximately 171 households.
- Of the households visited, 96 of 128 wanted a reticulated service (ie, 75%)
- For most households it was a matter of **needing** a reliable water supply and a hygienic sewerage disposal system.
- Because I have personally spoken to so many residents I believe I have a good understanding of the problems faced by the majority of residents in Charteris Bay.

2. The democratic process

- I presented the petition to the BPDC in June 2004 and was supported by Dr Mark Yetton, an engineering geologist, John Snook, an engineer, Dr John Elliott, a medical practitioner and Larry Berlin, a permanent resident of Charteris Bay. We urged the BPDC to bring forward water and sewerage services for Charteris Bay from 2009-2010 (as indicated in the BPDC's community plan) to 2005-2006.
- The Minutes of the BPDC for 9 June 2004 record excerpts from a report written by Dr Mark Yetton about the reasons why so many septic tanks in Charteris Bay were failing.
- The Mayor moved that staff prepare a report addressing the implications of extending the existing water and sewerage scheme from Church Bay to Charteris Bay and *stressed the importance of a healthy environment for these ratepayers.*
- In 2006 I presented a further submission to the CCC's LTCCP 2006-2016.

3. The long wait

- In 1973 when I purchased my property at Charteris Bay I was assured that water and sewerage would come within 10 years. That may have been sales pitch but I never envisaged a 40 year wait.
- Since 1973 we have seen a number of subdivisions in the vicinity, all of which now have a reticulated service: James Drive (Church Bay), Hay's Bay, top of Bayview Road, Black Point.
- We have been told that the reason for removing the CBW&WS from the 2009-2019 LTCCP is that priority must be given to schemes that need upgrading for compliance purposes (eg, Akaroa, Wainui).
- If an inspection was made of the water tanks and sewerage disposal systems in Charteris Bay I doubt that 25% would be of an acceptable standard.

4. The credibility of plans

- There is a growing scepticism by Charteris Bay residents about the credibility of plans. For some years the CBW&WS has been on the various plans of the BPDC and more recently the CCC.
 - The BPDC put the CBW&WS onto its plan for 2009-2010.
 - At amalgamation high priority was given to the CBW&WS (sewerage 10th, water 7th)
 - The CCC incorporated this into its 2006-2009 plan. A timetable on its website and on a noticeboard in Traffic Cops Bay gave 2009-2010 as the year when it would be installed.
- As recently as 2008 a number of articles appeared in local newspapers and The Press about the need for the CBW&WS and gave 2010 as the completion date.
- Because of assurances by council staff and elected representatives, and public meetings at which council staff answered questions, residents were led to believe that the scheme was actually on track for completion in 2010.
- There has been an utter sense of betrayal and disbelief that, after so much publicity that the scheme would be commissioned by 2010, it can have been removed from the 2009-2019 draft LTCCP and appears only as an unfunded capital project for years 2011 to 2014.
- The present councillors therefore have a moral, if not a legal, obligation to find funding for the CBW&WS now as promised rather than relegate it to the unfunded capital programme for the next 10 years.
- By 2014 there will have been 2 further council elections and changes in elected representatives who may well give priority to other projects.

5. Urgency

- It is now 5 years since I took a petition to 72% of the Charteris Bay households.
- There was a **real need** then for a clean and reliable water system and a safe and hygienic sewerage system.
- The need is even greater today as more and more holiday cottages are being used on a permanent basis.
- The water supply is
 - Unreliable because of the low rainfall
 - Inadequate for fire fighting purposes
- The septic tanks, that were marginal 5 years ago, are even more so today.
- In the winter of 2007 the main road above the Charteris Bay Yacht Club collapsed in a number of places. There was a direct correlation between these collapses and the old septic tanks of permanent residences above the road.
- To delay the CBW&WS further would put in jeopardy the health of the Charteris Bay community and put at risk the marine environment.

I urge the CCC to reinstate the CBW&WWS as promised for 2009-2010.

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